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In Senate, February 24, 2015

An Act To Amend the Powers and Duties of the State Board of Education

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senator: MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HUBBELL
of Bar Harbor, MAKER of Calais, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶U**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 611, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 U. Review the organization of school administrative units statewide to identify
5 current cooperative agreements between school administrative units. Cooperative
6 agreements may include, but are not limited to: purchasing or contract agreements;
7 administrative functions; shared staff and staff training; and technology initiatives.
8 Based on the review, and in consultation with the department, the state board may
9 recommend that school administrative units develop and carry out a plan for a
10 cooperative agreement with one or more other school administrative units.
11 "Cooperative agreement" may include agreements between school administrative
12 units and career and technical education regions and career and technical education
13 centers; ~~and~~

14 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶V**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 611, §2, is
15 further amended to read:

16 V. Study school administrative unit configuration statewide; ~~and~~

17 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶W** is enacted to read:

18 W. Enter into an interstate reciprocity agreement regarding postsecondary distance
19 education, administer the agreement and approve or disapprove an application to
20 participate in the agreement from a postsecondary institution that has its principal
21 campus in the State.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill specifically authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into an
24 interstate reciprocity agreement regarding postsecondary distance education, to
25 administer the agreement and to approve or disapprove an application to participate in the
26 agreement from a postsecondary institution that has its principal campus in the State.